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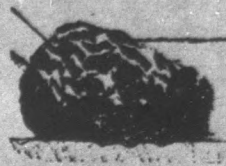
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One man's heartache is another's prune. Mike Clark lets his last prune shrivel up on page 6.

The Semester In Review



Sept.-Dec. now only memories

By Jack Kramer
Scribe Staff

It began with the first faculty strike in the University's fifty year existence, and is ending with the possibilities of another strike next semester looming larger every day.

In between, students went through a semester without a varsity football team to support, and the soccer team reached the NCAA New England regionals for the third straight year, and for the third straight year went down to defeat.

It was a semester where a decision by the Board of Trustees and President Miles, (both sides say the other one made the decision) to remove student representatives from the Board of Trustees Finance Committee, brought a storm of protest from not only student leaders, but from usually lethargic students themselves.

It was a semester which saw President Miles realize one of his greatest achievements, securing a \$3 million loan from seven area Connecticut banks, which should help the University out of its present deficit.

It was a semester which showed enrollment continuing to drop, with increasing tuition rates, and competition with area public institutions being blamed for the enrollment decline.

It was a semester that saw three concerts provided students by the Student Center Board of Directors (BOD), although student turnout at the concerts would honestly have to be evaluated as disappointing.

It was a semester which saw an old buried Bridgeport city charter law resurrected from the dead, prohibiting smoking in University buildings. The words of the law proved more powerful than the enforcement did, however.

It was a semester, which brought about a new Director of Residence Halls, Howie Giles, and a new fire-alarm policy, which has caused many sleepless nights for dormitory students, especially in Bodine and Breul-Rennell.

It was a semester which saw the closing of the University's most impressive dorm, Schine Hall, because only 67 students were willing to pay the bucks required to move into this exclusive dorm.

It was a semester without Maloney's, which for upper-classmen, was like a day without sunshine.

Instead it was a semester for Irene and the Knick, and a semester for huge weekend evacuations.

It was a semester which saw the mistrust and contempt between the Administration and the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) grow larger each day, with the students caught in the middle of the two supposed more mature, wiser parties.

It was a semester which saw President Miles announce that a tuition hike was a certainty for the fall '76 semester. An increase of approximately \$200 is the guess most people are counting on.

It was a semester which saw the Administration contemplating opening a law school. Chances of that happening now are about as good as the chances that President Miles will reinstate students and faculty to the finance Committee.

It was a semester which saw Hughie O'Neill become the second all-time leading goal scorer in U.B. soccer history; Hughie, with 43 career goals, only fell one short of Mike Belmont's record.

It was a semester of boops for meal-plan students, who became accustomed to the sound made by the new com-

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Council, RHA help fund reach \$241 plateau

With a \$50 contribution from Student Council and another \$50 from the Residence Hall Association, the Scribe Santa zoomed over the \$200 mark last week, making our contribution to Bridgeport's needy a bit more substantial.

Scribe Santa now has \$241 in its first annual charity chest and, while deadline for contributions is today at 5 p.m., we're hoping you will still help us out.

In any event, Scribe Santa wishes to thank all those who helped to make our first drive a

success; we wish you all a Merry Christmas and Joyous New Year.

Your contributions will be divided up three ways—one third to the Newman Community's Big Brother-Big Sister program and the other two-thirds to the emergency food centers at St. Stephen's and St. Luke's churches in Bridgeport.

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December graduation seniors (Four-Year Program) or Associate Degree students (Two-Year Program) who have settled their financial obligations with the University are eligible for a refund of their Acceptance Deposit without making formal application.

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USSR trip offered by Continuing Ed

Be a part of the Weekend College Study Tour to the USSR in Spring, 1976. Deposit \$200 by tomorrow to the Office of Conference and Workshop Planning and you will soon be on your way to Leningrad and Moscow for one of three weekend college sessions. Dean Albert J. Schmidt will serve as instructor for the course, which may be taken on a credit or noncredit basis. The course will focus on Russia's indigenous cultural past and its transformation resulting from emerging ties with the West. History 336, Portrait of an Age Old Russia from Muscovy to Imperial St. Petersburg is worth three credits and will cost \$819, including tuition. For more information please contact the Division of Continuing Education at Ext. 4143.

Campus nears United Way goal

Members of the University community have contributed \$9,105 or 92 per cent of its estimated goal to this year's United Way. Some 200 people or 20 per cent of those on campus participated. It's still not too late to contribute. Send a pledge or check to Raymond Buiter, chairman of the United Way campaign for the University, at Waldemere Hall.

Board of associates adds members

Three local residents have joined the 250 member Board of Associates recently. They are: Robert E. Franz, special agent for the Connecticut Life Insurance Company, and a member of both the Connecticut Estate and Tax Planning Council and the Connecticut Life Leaders Association. Francis V. Stosse is vice president of Connecticut Financial Services Corporation, the parent company of City National Bank, of which he is the president. John P. Nill, president of Buckley Bros. Inc., is a member of the Bridgeport Algonquin Club, the Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce membership committee.

Extended study hours this week

For all you late studiers, Magnus Wahlstrom Library student basement lounge and first floor will be open from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. for studying only on Dec. 16, 17 and 18. There will be no library service during these hours.

Staff Christmas party on for Friday

President and Mrs. Leland Miles cordially invite all members of the University staff to attend a Christmas party in the Tower Room of A & H from 2 to 5 p.m. on Friday. Staff members may end their work on that day one hour earlier than usual to come to the party, and may stay as long as they wish.

Library intersession hours announced

Assistant University Librarian Cynthia Enstrom announces library hours for the Christmas holiday and intersession. The library will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Dec. 23. The library will be closed Dec. 24 through 28. On Dec. 29 through 31 the library will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library will be closed from Jan. 1 to 4. During intersession, from Jan. 5 through 25, the library will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. every Mon. through Thurs. and from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. The library will be closed on Sundays during intersession.

Season finale

It took them a whole season and a string of seven losses to do it, but the Purple Knights volleyballers built a three-game winning streak to end the season on a 3-7 note.

Why did it take them until the end of the season to do it? "I think the experience helped," cited Coach Ann Fariss. "We had a practice everyday, but had matches twice a week, which means that it was not just five solid days of practice."

Of the three victories, only one, against Western Connecticut, was played on home turf. Both of the last two games, against Connecticut College and Yale, were played away. In each of the season-ending victories, the women took two out of three games to win the match.

When asked to name the top players of the season, Fariss hesitated, admitting that "the kids are all about on the same level, so it's difficult to pick just a few." Co-captains Marilyn Mather, Linda Mathinos, Jane Baumgartner, and Sharon Oakes were only a few of the season's stars.

Administration breaking fire laws?

By Daniel J. Rodricks
Scribe Staff

A holiday dinner-dance sponsored by President Miles Saturday night in the Student Center Social Room was apparently held in violation of city liquor and fire control laws.

The Scribe learned Sunday that the annual dance, which is organized by the Office of Special Events for faculty and staff, was held with no liquor permit even though persons attending bought liquor from a bar with admission tickets.

In addition, only one security guard was on duty, no fire marshals were present while tables on the Social Room floor were adorned with paper tablecloths and lighted candles.

When student organizations, however, sponsor mixers or cabarets in the same room, liquor permits from the city are required by law, five security guards must be on duty, and, in many instances, the organizations must pay for two and sometimes three fire marshals.

The security guards, according

to Lloyd Lieitstein, president of the Student Center Board of Directors, (BOD) cost \$25.32 for every four hours of duty while fire marshals are paid \$35 each. The liquor, or charitable organization, permit costs an additional \$25. Beer permits cost \$15.

Albert Dickason, the director of special events who coordinated the dance, said: "I didn't know we had to have one," when asked about the liquor permit. He said it was the second such dance President Miles has sponsored for faculty and his staff in two years.

About 270 persons attended the Saturday night fling in which a live band performed until midnight. The only apparent difference between the holiday dinner-dance and a normal student mixer was the age of persons attending and the obvious absence of uniformed police and fire marshals.

"It's a double standard," Bob Kisiel, assistant director of program activities for the center, said. "There was that

same double standard when I was in school (about three years ago). The mayor (of Bridgeport) used to have his charity ball in the gymnasium when we were told it was illegal to have concerts and dances in there. They had liquor too, something that the students are told is illegal."

Kisiel said that state law and city ordinances require that liquor licenses be approved and obtained through the Bridgeport Police Department, the City Clerk and the Fire Department.

"Whenever we get a liquor permit, the fire marshals usually come to check out the Social Room. If we have more than 400 people (the Social Room capacity) we are required to have two fire marshals on duty. Most of the time they come anyway and we end up paying them."

There was no indication, judging from interviews with persons who attended Miles' dinner-dance and Dickason, that city officials ran a check on the dinner-dance arrangements. "Legally," Kisiel added, "we're told we must have five security guards whenever we have a dance or cabaret in there."

Kisiel also said BOD is required to file for a temporary liquor and beer permit weekly for each of its TGIF parties which are held in the Private Dining Room of the Student Center.

"If they (the dinner-dance sponsors) were selling liquor in

the Social Room Saturday night," he said, "then what they were doing was illegal."

Kisiel and Leitstein both said fire marshals have told them and other student organizations leaders that tablecloths for cabarets must be flame-retardant and that no open candle fires are allowed.

In early November, Theta Sigma fraternity sponsored a mixer in the Social Room for

between 400 and 450 students. The fraternity, according to spokesmen, paid for the services of five security guards, and two fire marshals. They also paid \$25 for a liquor permit.

"It's the extra costs from permits and security guards that run student organizations and BOD into the red," Leitstein said. "They (the Administration) can get away with anything."

Shuer wishes University thanks

Asst. Prof. of Sociology, David Shuer, continues on cardiac disability and will not be teaching this spring. Shuer is the coordinator of Social Work courses, taught the University's first Gerontology course and the current Committee on Gerontology recently passed a resolution in gratitude for his contributions since its inception. Prof. Shuer was the first Chairman of the New Directions Committee of AAUP. He expresses thanks for the many good wishes from the University family.

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puterized system used in Marina and the Student Center dining halls.

It was a semester that saw the opening of University Square, a much-needed facility which is getting extensive use by students, and will be used even more when a pub, which was scheduled for opening in early October, finally gets over the construction stage.

It was a semester, whose days, weeks and months have gone by all too fast, and only now, as students are busily studying for finals and preparing to trek homeward, are we realizing it's gone and over. Have a good vacation, we'll see you in a month.

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Strike hurt Council's effectiveness

News analysis

By Elliott Huron,
Scribe Staff

"The worst thing about this semester was the strike," said Joel Brody, president of Student Council, in his thoughts about the problems faced by Student Council during the past few months.

And while reporting for The Scribe on Student Council events and meetings since September, I would have to agree.

A lot of Student Council's early ineffectiveness could be attributed to the lack of organization and planning, which in most cases would directly reflect a lack of leadership. But through those first few days of the strike, I saw Brody and Council Vice-President Marianne Collins, as very effective student leaders.

Working with little or no sleep, Brody and Collins spent countless hours commuting from the Holiday Inn where negotiations between the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) and the Administration were being held, to their office in the Student Center, only to await word from their lawyers concerning the rights of the students toward receiving the proper education they were entitled to.

Once the settlement had been reached by the AAUP and the Administration, Brody, Collins, and the other Council members concerned themselves with the make-up of classes, or money rebate to students for the lost class time.

On Sept. 23, Student Council called an open meeting to discuss the possibilities of the making up of lost class time. The meeting, which lasted only an hour, was attended by members of the Deans' Council; Dr. Earl Uram, faculty council president; Harry Rowell, vice-president for Business and Finance and Dr. Richard Daigle, president of the AAUP. But more importantly, only 25 students attended the meeting.

I remember approaching Brody after this meeting. He was waving his arms in all directions and he was obviously angered by the poor turnout. "I think student participation sucks," I quoted Brody madly saying.

But Student Council marched

on, taking the dilemma of making up class time into their own hands. Council passed a proposal which said each professor would have to submit a plan to make up the lost class time to the head of his or her department. Then the heads of each department were held responsible to report their findings on how time will be made up to the deans of their colleges. The proposal further stated that the deans of each college would finally relate this information back to Student Council, to give them assurance that class time will be made up.

As of now, only two deans out of seven have responded to Council's proposal.

After this proposal, it seemed that Student Council settled down to use their time and efforts during meetings only to allocate money.

Proposals were made but they were not being followed up on by Brody and Collins who seemed frustrated, while a lot of Council members seemed unmotivated.

One week Student Council would bicker and squabble over the difference of \$50 in allocations. And the next week on five separate allocations, Student Council gave over \$6,000, \$4,000 of it going to the Sex Clinic.

Student Council meetings became unorganized, and were attended by only a few students. Many members' only input through the whole meeting was their yes or no vote on these allocations.

Council events and actions became very limited, until finally a few Council members asked for Brody's resignation at a special meeting.

It was at this meeting, according to Michael Giovanniello, senator from the College of Arts and Sciences, Frank Seggio, senator from the College of Engineering, and Collings, that Student Council had finally brought their personal problems forward and made their personal feelings known. A meeting that may be considered as a gripe session turned Student Council around, to focus in the direction of student affairs and the problems thereof.

I saw Brody take command of the meetings each Wednesday night, and more Council members began to voice their opinions.

Seggio and Paul Tamul, Residence Hall Association president, took significant steps forward in eliminating problems involved with room searches, dorm damages, the lowering of dorm damage bills. Giovanniello began to follow up the legalities of dorm searches. He is still awaiting word from his lawyers.

The spirit of motivation led to a united effort to try to reinstate students as members of the Board of Trustees Finance Committee. It was the first time Student Council, as a united organization, coordinated their thoughts and responded with their protests as well as urging the students to relinquish their

thoughts and feelings.

In last week's meeting, a proposal was passed to support the move to reinstate two University faculty members to the Board of Trustees Finance Committee meetings. They also were busy setting up proper criteria for the position of an alumni representative on the same committee.

Council members also enlightened their awareness of University life with visitations from Miles and John Cox, vice-president for University Development.

"I think we have made some progress in student input, and we are now having our existence felt with the Administration," Brody said to me, and I would agree. "We have a lot of work ahead of us next semester because there are some administrators who would like to ignore us and our views," Brody said.

"But for the good of the student body and the whole University, Student Council next semester will make every attempt to strengthen itself and the weight of student input," Brody added.

"All students should be wary that another strike may again occur next semester," Brody said. Which might start Student Council off on another rocky start.

But Student Council will have to follow their proposals with a much greater effort to give this University the student leadership it needs.

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14 weeks--three proposals

By Maureen Boyle
Scribe Staff

The University Senate spent three months debating and passed three proposals.

They decided on a 1976-77 academic calendar that former Senator Dr. William Walker

claimed was "rushed through," guidelines for foreign student admission that no one was quite sure how to implement, and to keep its Budget Committee.

The Senate spent two meetings and more than three hours arguing when the body should meet. The proposal lost.

The guidelines for admissions of foreign students passed the Senate amidst much confusion. One senator wanted to know if it would be in order to insert a comma. Dean of Student Personnel Constantine Chagares was worried because the proposal didn't clearly state whether Sal Mastropole's position, foreign student advisor, would be abolished.

President Leland Miles said at the time that the Senate couldn't decide administrative procedures, such as abolishing any office. The proposal passed, anyway.

The Senate passed an academic calendar that no one was particularly happy with. Tomorrow the body will vote on a three-year academic calendar.

Dr. Richard Ehmer, Senate

moderator, said the Senate Executive Committee is recommending to the Senate that it close all debate and vote on the calendar by 4 p.m. tomorrow.

The three-year calendar is evolved around three main issues: 14 complete weeks for each class, the Puerto Rican population and the need for six days for final exams.

Tomorrow the Senate is also scheduled to vote on changes to the Constitution Disciplinary Council. Ehmer said the executive committee is recommending that a vote be taken on the amendments.

The Senate held a special meeting to hear Miles announce that seven local banks had agreed to give the University a \$3 million long-term loan. Less than three fourths of the Senate showed up.

The Senate seems to be doing a bit better than last year in passing proposals. Last fall, only one proposal, governance procedures, was passed. Only seven of 28 proposals from May 15, 1974 to May 21, 1975, were passed.

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The state of student power



commentary

Unification needed

By Michael Hedden

Recently, some distressing matters apparent at the University of Bridgeport have been printed upon these pages. The problems of students and University government do exist and are reinforced daily by the actions of President Miles and his Administration. The various solutions to solving these problems attract more supporters while the need to implement some type of action becomes most necessary.

The current lack of power by the students and therefore their quest for more student power is not unwarranted nor impossible. Allow me to reiterate this major issue through previously expressed student viewpoints and my own personal perspective. As was true in previous Administrations, the Miles Administration limits and controls the student power by insuring unequal representation and therefore unequal power in decisions made at this University. Uncontrollably, the students are unable to assert their voice in order to reasonably effect the outcome of a decision.

Their influence is necessary in order to protect student rights and to ensure the attainment of student goals. A major student goal is to increase the quality of the education for which we are paying. This goal is said to be shared by the Administration, but their actions seem to indicate otherwise. Therefore, student power is also necessary to stop the abuse of power by the Administration used to protect their own vested interests.

The possibility of future expansion of student representation throughout the University seems very dim when we consider that only three out of 14 members are students on the newly-formed Advisory Committee to the President on Matters Concerning Governance. The focus of this committee will be to recommend changes of the jurisdiction and representation of groups throughout University government. It will be the job of only three students to ensure that the committee will not reduce, but hopefully increase the number of student representatives through the University.

The reasons that necessitate the attainment of student power are reinforced daily through the past and present actions of the Administration. A case in point is the entire story of the Board of Trustee Finance

Committee fiasco. The formation of the Student Advisory Budget Committee and the campus-wide symposium which arose as an acceptable alternative to Finance Committee representation are useful and valuable tools in influencing the decision-making process.

Although Mr. Rowell will be open to our recommendations, we will have little control over the actual outcome of budget decisions. A possible alternative to solve this shortcoming would be to communicate our viewpoints in an attempt to influence the final decision-makers—the Board of Trustees. This communication with the Board could be an interview with them before the final budget deliberations begin in order to portray the opinion of students that might be unnoticeable because of their incorporation within the overall budget.

At the recent meeting of the Board of the Board of Trustee Student Life Committee, this idea was presented and Mr. Henry duPont seemed open and willing to consider the matter further with his Finance Committee. Would you be surprised to know that the same person who vehemently rejected the idea of an interview was the same person who misrepresented the foundations on which the Advisory Budget Committee and budget symposium were formed? It was you, President Miles, who sent me a letter stating that it was the recommendation of the Finance Committee to no longer allow the attendance of student and faculty representatives. Nowhere did the letter state that it was you and your Administration that suggested to the Finance Committee to do away with these representatives.

Why? Although that recommendation and consequent action might prove to be a beneficial means of student input on budget matters, that does not excuse your lack of integrity by misrepresenting the premise on which we formed an agreement. This is a matter of "trust."

If the students are unable to trust the policies and decisions of the Administration, the need exists for students to find tools and use all possible means to protect their rights and interests. These tools and means

would include the realignment of the student body, the control over adequate student funds and the expansion of communication and representation throughout all divisions of the University.

The realignment of the student body would mean a strong, collective, unified student front against anything contrary to our rights and interests. This might be accomplished through a tight web of student interaction incorporating all facets of student life, clubs, and organizations into one body where particular interests would be served through the participation on various standing committees. This one unified body would represent the true voice of students with a large constituency backing its decisions and proposals.

It is necessary for this student body to have control over adequate student funds in order to remain and organization free from the Administration's purse strings. Work has already begun to ensure that students will be financially independent from the cut-back-ridden University budget. This is a key determinant to student independence and power, and must not be overlooked.

With the development of this unified, financially strong and independent student body, efforts to maintain and expand our communication and representation within all levels and divisions of the University cannot be ignored. The Administration will be forced to deal with students as equals because of our collective and financial power.

Do not allow these words to be forgotten over the upcoming intersession. The stage has been set and all the conditions exist to begin a constructive redevelopment of the student life at the University of Bridgeport. We must gather and unite all the energy that is prevalent at the beginning of any semester and use it to ensure the goal which we have waited so long to accomplish. The choice for all students becomes clear—either to allow untrustworthy leadership to infringe upon our rights and interests or attempt to regulate the arbitrary decisions of the Administration through a new, unified and strong student government.

(Michael Hedden is Senator from the College of Business Administration.)

commentary

Another strike?

By Collins & Brody

It seems that upon returning to campus in January, students at the University of Bridgeport may be welcomed by a dismal, yet familiar, sight—faculty carrying placards and parading down University Avenue in defense of "academic democracy." For though useful discussion has continued in an attempt to reach a settlement on issues that remained unresolved in September, it seems apparent to us that negotiations are being delayed by a blatant lack of cooperation.

Despite vague claims from the Administration that progress is being made and a settlement is in sight for the January 31 deadline, the A.A.U.P. reports that compromise has been reached on only four of the 14 outstanding issues.

We cannot but conclude that the fault in this case lies with the Administration's negotiating team. Discussions in the most important area regarding reduction of force have been fruitless. The A.A.U.P. has been asked to accept the Administration's assessment of the University's financial situation without having access

to financial data which would substantiate the claims of financial distress. We do not question the fact that we are currently experiencing some critical monetary problems but we do feel that the A.A.U.P. is reasonable in asking for the documents which would show to what extent these problems have been resolved and what measures will be necessary to financially maintain the University during the course of their three-year contract.

And with only seven weeks left, agreement must also be reached on tenure related issues, regulation of personnel files, the definition of work here, the definition of faculty in colleges and the assignment of office space.

Much was learned this fall from our experience with the frustrations of collective bargaining. And although we only reluctantly speculate the frustration will again result in deadlock and strike if negotiations continue in the same manner, all students must prepare themselves to apply the lessons learned to a

second confrontation with a faculty strike. We cannot, this time, take a similar tolerant position. For a second strike may result in a chasm between faculty and Administration which would take years to bridge.

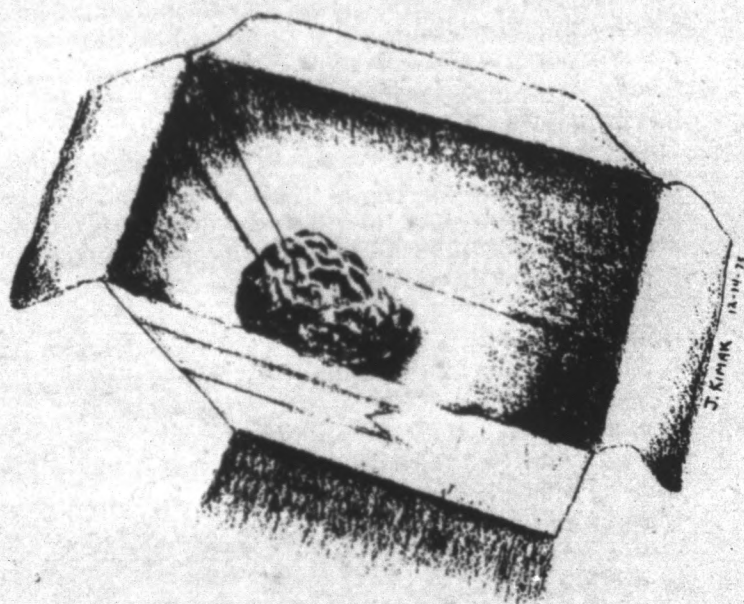
Students should, therefore, actively exert pressures on both sides in order to affect an outcome which will benefit the University of Bridgeport to the greatest possible extent. To allow ourselves to once again become the victims of labor wrangling would be insufferable.

Time still remains though for the faculty and Administration to prove to us that our cynicism is not a valid reaction; to prove to us that the quality of this institution is of sincere concern to them. We consider it a tremendous challenge to each side—yet one that cannot be accepted until both parties sit down to seriously bargain in good faith.

(Marianne Collins and Joel Brody are vice-president and president of Student Council.)

The last prune

By Michael Clark



Bah, humbug!

Christmas is getting too commercial when parents teach their children to celebrate presents and not the day around them.

Education is getting too commercial when the logo becomes "Studies are a breeze at U.B."

When you can only find the Spirit of Christmas in Fifths, Quarts, and Half-Gallons.

The Spirit of Education is gone when you just might as well be drunk.

Each letter-loss reflects uncaring; where we once had Christmas, we now have X-mas, and some extra space.

Education is getting too commercial when each dollar-saving tactic of Reduction In Force shows a bigger deficit than gain.

Christmas is getting too commercial when you buy an expensive gift, that nobody can imagine why you spent so much—a cheap-looking little item for yourself.

Education is getting too commercial when students are forced to pay the high cost of still another tuition increase at this Barnum-based school, than be subjected to the same old circus of education... "a privilege of the rich managed by mere managers" in Ringmasters suits.

The foolhardiness of some Christmas gifts speak for themselves of commercialism: A sled, bought for the child in the city, on that winter without snow; that old Christmas tie (batteries not included); or the doll you bought your niece for \$5.95 (that her mom and dad had to spend \$113.67 on accessories for).

Would-be profiteers-turn-navigators alter our course to New Directions. "Which way to the new house, Lee?" "Towards Milford or Norwalk, one of those directions... that should be South by Northwest on the compass, me thinks."

Christmas is getting too commercial because the mail sorters are on strike, and no one knows anything about collective bargaining... with an IBM.

Education is getting too commercial; sometimes it seems you've been sold, bought and financed, nearly as soon as the ink on that CLEARED WITH BURSAR stamp is dry.

—R.N. Zalonis

From the time the doctor severs the umbilical cord to the moment when the cemetery attendants plunge your remains into the ground to the tune of the Dirkwood Marching Dirge Choir belting out a few bars of "It Had To Be You"—let's roughly refer to this time lapse as a lifetime—we are individually and collectively forced to ingest a vast number of prunes—conditions and experiences which are, shall we say,—unpleasant; yes, that's a good euphemism, like when they refer to your old decaying bod as your "remains." Even though "Sun-sweet Marches On" and there is currently a heavy drive underway to make us think that prunes are fun, most of us still place prunes on a list with castor oil and making the bed.

There comes at least one time in everyone's life (we hope) when it seems like we'll never get that next prune down; there is simply no place to put it. Prune paranoid, we hunt for the little buggers everywhere... "Did you say 'sand prune'?"... "Where?"... only to find ourselves sitting down to coffee and... prune danish. That, friends, is The Last Prune.

Life Magazine had a section entitled parting shots, Erma Bombeck writes a column called "Wit's End." Well, The Scribe now presents a forum for parting wits and we call it The Last Prune. We know that some of you are thinking that we could have done a lot better with the rhyme scheme on that last line but you must remember that The Scribe is about as big on decadence as Curtis LeMay. Anyway, we hope that it will be regular—but we aren't too concerned: one good thing about UB is that it should provide plenty of material for The Last Prune.

Prune Capsule

This will be the section where the editors read each selection with 3-D glasses and prune away the... excess. We might have called it a Prune Precis, but we didn't, but there's a chance that we might. Anyway...

commentary

No. 142-620

By Eric Gould

"Reach out in the darkness....reach out in the darkness....reach out in the darkness, and you will find someone who cares."

This whole thing started last Wednesday night. I was on my way to the Student Center Private Dining Room to hear poet Lyn Lifshin when I met Dan Rodricks. I related to him the fact that I was having a difficult time coming up with an idea for a commentary. Taking me to his office, Dan suggested I read this letter:

"Dear Editor;

My name is Willie Walton and I am presently an inmate of the London Correctional Institute, London, Ohio.

I am writing this letter to you as a desperate appeal...."

Willie's appeal is a simple one—for friendship and correspondence. Willie added that he believes there are many people in the world's communities who care enough to communicate with "those who can appreciate such." Willie includes the copy of his add and signs the letter Willie J. Walton, No. 142-620.

It is appropriate in a way for this letter to be received at this time. The nation has just finished thanking God with the traditional turkey sacrifice for all the beauty it has been given. We Jews have just recently celebrated Chanukah, the festival of lights, the commemoration of man's first recorded struggle for freedom and

Today: a few comments from cub reporter Dan "Grizzly" Rodricks, and a few more, and a few more. Dan, as you know, is the out-going managing editor of The Scribe—in the sense that he will be leaving for work-study at The Baltimore Sun in January (Look-away, Dixie). Dan is fairly fed-up—let's call him Irate—and here he cuts loose.

Next: a stunning piece of prose by R.N. Zalonis who has a fantasy about Leland Miles being Santa Claus. No, No, I think he wrote about television commercials—yes, that's it.

Reporter's Market Basket Case

In this section we hope to give you the low-down on Prune prices in the area. At Weakknee's Grocery at Wednesday noon, a basket of prunes cost the consumer 15 cents less than next week at that time. Bad news for shoppers in the Seaside Park area, however, the Growell Market a few miles into the See is having an "all-you-can-stand" sale, but prices are raising the roof-beams (Salinger) with the latest quotation around 4G's in grape currency with projection of a \$50 to \$450 increase rumored. We expect to have more on that as soon as the hounds corner the rumor-monger.

Stall-Talk

The Scribe realizes that some of you have been into prunes for a long time and so we have devised this small section for Last Prune vets. It has often been asserted that the most prolific writing on campus is done in the bathrooms; with that in mind, we will send out a crew every week in an effort to recapture that one thrilling moment of intellectual ecstasy. This week, from Bodine 6, Stall 2 (l-r): "Lonnie is the best maid, this side of the Holiday Inn."

Congratulations, Lonnie.

(Michael Clark is associate editor of The Scribe)

human dignity. Soon it will be Christmas, the time of year when everyone pays lip service to the phrase "Love thy neighbor as thyself."

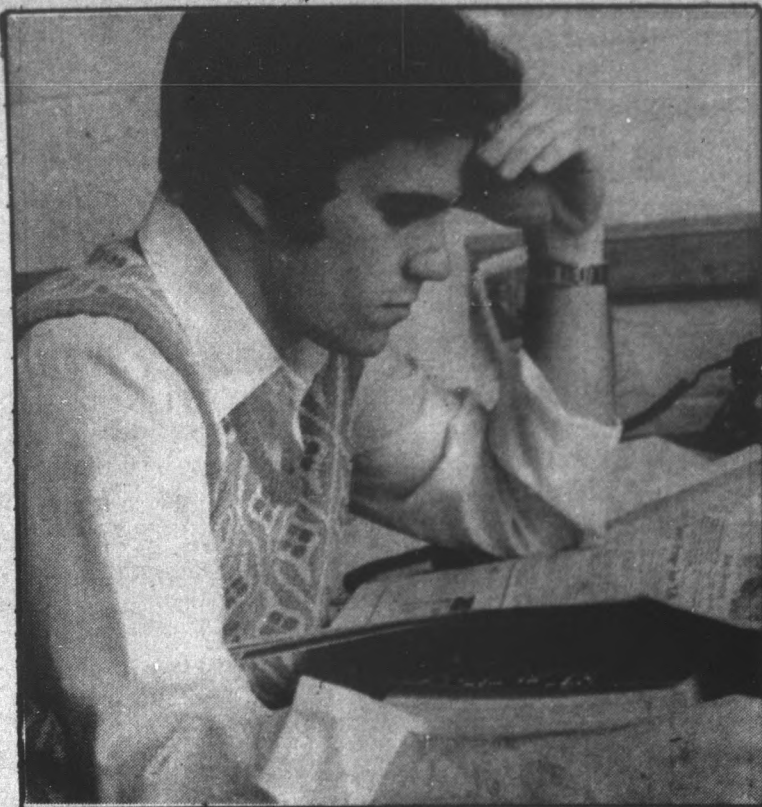
Then, "ta da," we are in the Bicentennial, the celebration we have long awaited, the year we commemorate struggles this country went through and is still going through to establish certain ideals, such as human dignity.

There you are. Holding a piece of paper, a letter that has written across it in huge neon letters "CARE!!!" And all the cliches that we hear the politicians and journalists spout on the need for prison reform and the loneliness of the people in penal institutions disappear. Because you are no longer dealing with abstract phrases.

That piece of paper, that folded, bendable, easily destroyed document, is the hand of a human being reaching out from the darkness to find someone who cares.

I wonder if Willie is right. I wonder if there are people outside of those walls who care enough to say I am here to take your hand, who remember and understand the message of Spanky and Our Gang: "And you will begin to reason why we give a damn about our fellow man."

(Eric Gould is a contributor to the Scribe, number 437,868)



Another generation cometh

By Dan Rodricks

"You reach a point,
a peninsula really,
where the sea-roar comes in
from all three sides at once
& out ahead of you there are
dark waves, eight hours of
night & you back off"

—From "Backing Off," a poem by Prof. Dick Allen
published in his book, "Regions With No Proper Names,"
St. Martin's Press, New York, 1975.

'You reach a point...

In the lobby of Michael J. McCarthy High School there is a black-and-white photograph of ten muddy football players who have their hands wrapped around a loving cup.

Scrolled in white letters across the bottom of the picture is: "The Big Ten, Class of '72, Winners All." I am the third kid from the left in the picture. I have a rowdy smile on my face and so do the nine other guys. We are on the brink of triumph.

Today, I am on the brink of another triumph, another success story to tell my relatives when they gather at Christmas. This time, though, they will not ask about the score of the game, but: "What's new? How's college? And your job; have you got a job?"

They are part of a rushing dream that was planned the Great American Way from day one of grade one through day twelve of grade twelve, and beyond. We are the Pepsi generation, coming at you, going strong. I swear, we're all going to be big someday; we'll be the cream of the corn crop; the scrap books will be full and our peers will pee on us for our efforts.

It was in 1972 that a wayward guidance counselor told the 10 of us to go West, young men, go West. If we play our cards right, Rudyard Kipling will make us President. If, and only if, we work hard, push on and oil the Great American Dream machine with the proper amount of Exxon, there will be a tiger in our tanks and a world at our feet.

...a peninsula really,

It waited out there for us like some lonely winning lottery ticket left unsold by the state of Massachusetts. We were bussed to a yellow brick conveyer belt that scooped up the best and the brightest of the Honor Society set and funnelled us off to college, the Promised Land.

"Dems is what dreams is made of," Bogart said and the machine proceeded to chew us up and spit out Sunday afternoon success stories, the Walt Disney fairy tales about some young Jewish boy who makes it on his own with his father's Golden Egg franchise.

We are now and have been wasting little time in our lives because—as the football coaches told us long before we were interested in little more than the backseat of the old man's car—we must fear failure; fear wasted time: we've been told there is no place from sea to shining sea for quitters and that the wisest of men, when times get tough, will turn their eyes toward heaven and get one for the Gipper.

We are all going to be big someday, they told us, and with a college diploma we can expect lifetime earnings \$199,000 greater than those of the average male high school grad. But there was a catch, they told us, because in America there are no free rides for the strong and the healthy. "If you fellas wanna be a success, you've got to think of Number One first. Number One."

...where the sea-roar comes in...

And so with sheepskin, white collar and Wall Street Journal in hand, they tell us, we will follow the yellow brick road into Manhattan, Georgetown, and the Chicago Loop. We will prop ourselves up on an 86-proof surf board and ride the crest of quiet desperation on a wave of rising expectation.

We will get high-paying jobs in huge cement buildings, income (lots of it), positions (many of them), the opinion of our friends, the judgment of our peers and all the other criteria by which Americans are usually judged. We will attend Friday office parties, get married, draw our pay, get our laughs and

get one girl or another to go to bed with us just about every time we want. Ours will be the world and all there is in it. That is, of course, if we can get it or, more importantly, if we want it.

...from all three sides at once...

But all this, my generational friends, is for the birds. Ours is not a lost generation, no matter what Kipling or Gertrude Stein would say, and we are fighting desperately to get off the yellow brick conveyer belt that seeks out its Chosen People.

Because with this sacred dream comes the nightmare—the heart attack at 42, the divorce (like the one your brother had last year), the high and low of unhappiness—all the symptoms of quiet desperation.

Sure, we will meet challenges and sure, will carve them up into "viable solutions" for the chairman of the board. We will get into "plastics" like all good Graduates should because we will have no other choice.

We will leave home in suitcases. We will make friends who despise us and wear out wives who love us. We will cherish our children—there will always be children—who were created for the sake of keeping the family name in the 21st century or for providing divorce court.

Then there will be a great crescendo. The crowd will stand and cheer and we will nod approval from center stage that the American Dream is coming true. When the show is over, they will hand us a gold watch at the stage door...if it worked for him, it can work for you.

...eight hours of night...

But, think for a moment about all this crap that has been handed to us on the way up the ladder.

When it is all over, where do we go? After all the company trips, holiday bonuses and fruits of the American work ethic are reaped...what then?

As Miss Peggy Lee sings, we will ask: Is that all there is? Is that all there is left for me to do? Should I have married the boss's daughter? Should I have been more calculating? Should I have spent more time with my kids?

The American male of my generation—if he does things according to blueprint—will come to the edge of another triumph and end his life proof-reading insurance policies and family wills. He will have spend his entire life managing "IF," in the way Kipling would have liked, proving to the rest of the world that "Yes, I can."

He will have turned through the office doors day-in, day-out for a thousand days, building his Camelot with money from the company store.

There is, of course, no reason for all this to happen to any of us who do not want it to. If we calculate too much or overcompensate for the system of events, we will not be able to play the game on our terms. Because, if we are going to be successful, we must be successful on our terms—not on the terms of the cheering section at the 20-yard line.

No Dale Carnegie method can ensure happiness and no stock market tip from Uncle Bernie can soothe the subtle frustration we meet on the road to disaster.

There's nothing wrong with success, but there is also nothing wrong with jumping off the conveyer belt forever or just a short time. You taste success, you smell you dream, you mess with it for a while, you have your peace, you go home at 4, you love your wife, you know yourself, you keep your sanity and....

...you back off 7142

the arts



Lynn Lifshin

...an emotional poet

Barabbas is eerie religious fantasy

By Mark Lambeck
Scribe Staff

In a bizarre and oftentimes eerie production, the university Theatre Department presented, "Barabbas", by Michel Deghelderode, a religious epic centered on the thief of that name who was freed from prison in place of Christ.

Heavy in religious overtones and complex symbolism, the dramatic story of Barabbas is offered in a dimension of fantasy, with actors in mock clown-face make-up and lighting that just falls short of total darkness.

The tale of Barabbas as interpreted in this production, is an imaginary and psychological story that examines the historical heritage of a religion.

DeGhelderode has taken realistic characters who possess true human emotions, and has placed them in a spiritual atmosphere. This higher dream-like level must be maintained throughout the play as not to upset the illusion. It is up to the actors to keep the level of drama consistent, and most in this production do so aptly.

A few however, do not, and it is their performances that destroy the inspiration of the play. Most detrimental to the production is Kevin Tobin's uneven portrayal of the title character. It is difficult to determine whether Tobin's inability to transform Barabbas from the malevolent bandit into the repenting believer who seeks enlightenment, is the fault of the actor himself or of his director.

Tobin's main flaw is that he does not draw emotion from within and is able to convey a particular trait, whether it be pride, compassion or greed, only through his voice quality which lacks substance.

Fortunately, many of the supporting cast overshadows the incompetence of the lead. Scott Clare, as King Herod is the most notable. His characterization of the snooty, foppish king, is flawless. With Bette Davis-like voice and mannerisms Clare is superb in his nonchalant attitude towards the tragic events around him.

As the grotesque entrepreneur, Julie Ann M. Fensore portrayed both brutal strength and vulnerable fright in a confusing and ghoulish characterization. Susan Kreutzer is the small role of Magdalene was effectively moving.

Best of all was Craig A. Toth, as Caiaphas, a priest, who delivered his lines in powerful and elegant diction.

'Lifetime feeling'

By Dotti Simons
Scribe Staff

Lady Lyn paid a very kind visit to the University Wednesday night. She spoke and read her works for one hour. One hour. Only one.

But in that hour was a feeling offered to anyone who wanted it. A feeling—the kind that lasts a lifetime.

Lyn Lifshin was the second guest in the Visiting Writers Series being sponsored by the department of English. Prof. Dick Allen introduced Lady Lyn as "an old acquaintance." They attended Syracuse University at the same time, she leaving one year prior to his completion of graduate studies there.

Allen also introduced Lady Lyn as "one of our country's best poets." An understatement. Ask anyone who heard the poetry reading.

Ask the two gentlemen who were discussing politics before she began to read. Ask the gentleman sprawled on the table against the audience's right wall. Ask the few who quietly clapped.

Lifshin read 17 poems. Considered a leading feminist poet, Lifshin's poems are felt. She writes feelings so boldly she seems to be left too vulnerable.

Hidden beneath the hair she often includes in her writing, Lifshin reads in a trauma. Heavy inflections are expelled on the last syllable, drawn out as though the syllable is dying.

Lifshin's talking voice was pleasant but heard too often in explaining a poem that needed none of that sort of thing. She told of how nosey she was, how she listens to conversations that do not belong to her. She likes to look through people's medicine cabinets. I wonder how many in

the audience cringed as they remembered doing the things they carefully hid while Lady Lyn boasted of her curiosity and where it led her.

Much of the reading was intensely emotional. God, it was great. She is humorous, though. She won't leave you morgue-like. Think of her "Divorce Dumplings" and "Roast Mother-In-Law on a Spit."

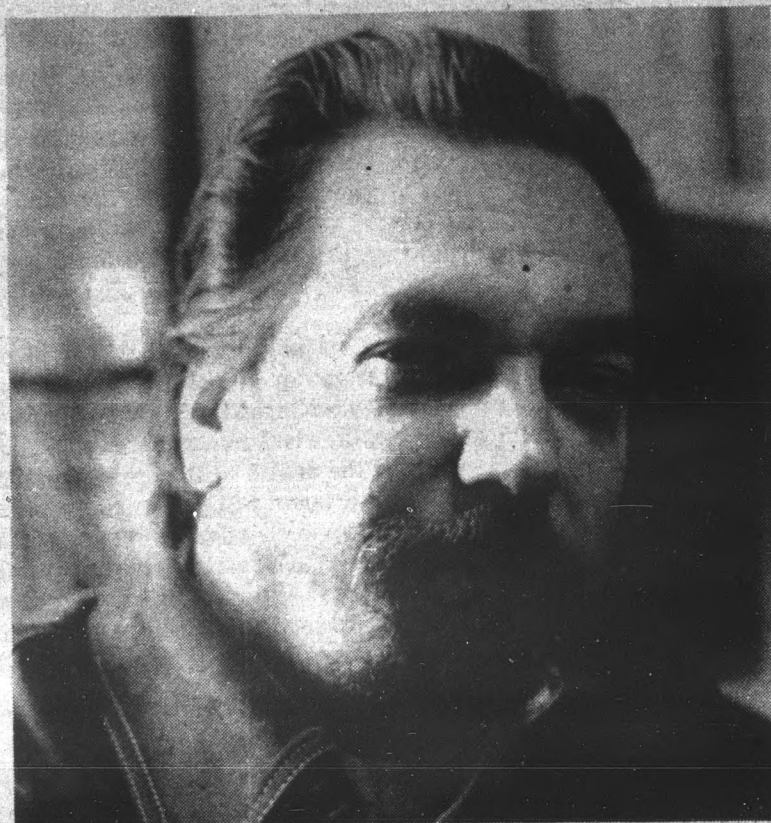
Lifshin has been published in more than 21 books and pamphlets including "Why Is The House Dissolving," "Leaves and Night Things," "Black

Apples" and "Lady Lyn." Dell, Avon and Ballantine are only a few of the major publishing companies which have included her in anthologies.

Lady Lyn said most love poems "come out of bad love, you write about something you didn't have. If you have a good anything, it's more important than the poem."

I won't write a poem here about how much good Lady Lyn left with her Dec. 10 audience—she already wrote the poem:

"...it's not what I expected you know it's better..."



Dick Allen

...former Lifshin cohort

campus calendar

TODAY

RHA meets at 9 p.m. in Room 213-215 of the Student Center for a short-end of the year meeting.

EUCARIST SERVICE, 12 noon, Newman Center.

SHARED PRAYER, 5:15 p.m., Newman Center.

Fall semester classes end today.

WEDNESDAY

SHARED PRAYER, 12 noon, Newman Center.

Student Lawyer will be on campus at 3 p.m. in Room 221 of the Student Center.

THE UNIVERSITY SENATE meets from 3 to 5 p.m. in Jacobson Wing of Mandeville Hall.

SEASIDE VIDEO, 3 p.m., Dana Hall basement AV Center.

MEDITATION conducted by disciples of Indian Spiritual Master SRI CHINMOY, 7:30 p.m., Room 207 of the Student Center.

FINAL EXAMS begin at 8 a.m.

THURSDAY

EUCARIST SERVICE, 12 noon, Newman Center.

The WAY BIBLICAL Research Fellowship meets at 9 p.m. in Room 201 of the Student Center.

GENERAL

The ART COLONY AT OLD LYME exhibit continues in the Carlson Gallery through Dec. 23.

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Need Christmas cash? buy-back is for you

By Paul Neuirth
Scribe Staff

With Christmas drawing closer and closer, students may now take advantage of the University Book Store's buy-back policy for some extra holiday cash.

The Barnes and Noble Book Store's buy-back policy is they will buy back every current edition, college textbook which a student decides he no longer needs or wants.

According to Store Manager, Bill Barmes, the book store will pay back 50 percent of the current list price, regardless of whether the book was bought new or used.

As far as dollars and cents go, this means a student can buy a new book at \$10 and receive a buy back value of \$5. The book store will then sell the book for \$7.50 and the buy back value will again be \$5. When a student uses the buy-back policy for a new book, he receives 50 percent of the original cost.

When a student uses the buy back policy for a used book, he receives 66 percent of the cost refunded.

The slight hitch here is that both cases hold true only when that particular book title has been re-adopted for use in the next semester.

Before the end of the semester, the University department or professor must inform the Barnes and Noble outlet that a particular title book will be required for the coming semester. If the store already has an overabundance of that book, the full 50 percent list price discount won't be refunded to students.

In the case when a certain book will no longer be used at the University, the book store can not resell the books, so they

may not give the full 50 percent refund, if they buy the book at all.

"If there is no market for the book, we can't buy it back," Barmes said. He said the Barnes and Noble book store on campus already knows of 80 percent of the books that will be used next semester.

Barmes said that when it came to paperback books, the usual discount was 20 percent. He said most paperbacks are called trade books and are generally pre-priced on the front or back covers.

He said these trade books are usually English books and are subject to frequent adaption changes, lack durable bindings, and are not in great demand.

He said there were many exceptions to the paperback refund policy and it was up to the discretion of the store manager as far as the per cent refunded.

Barmes said students can start returning books and using the buy back policy as soon as possible. The manager said the sooner the books are brought in, the better the chances are of receiving the 50 percent. He said now is the time the store inventories are most depleted and the new orders are received for

next semester. Barmes said by the first day of the next semester, he usually couldn't pay 50 percent because the store has stocked the books needed in adequate quantity. For these reasons he urges students to be prompt in returning books.

Barmes said no receipts are necessary and the full payment will be given as long as the book

is in good shape. As for paperback workbooks, the policy is they are not to be returned for cash. But Barmes said he makes a few exceptions, as long as every page of the book is not filled in and all the pages are intact.

The manager said the store

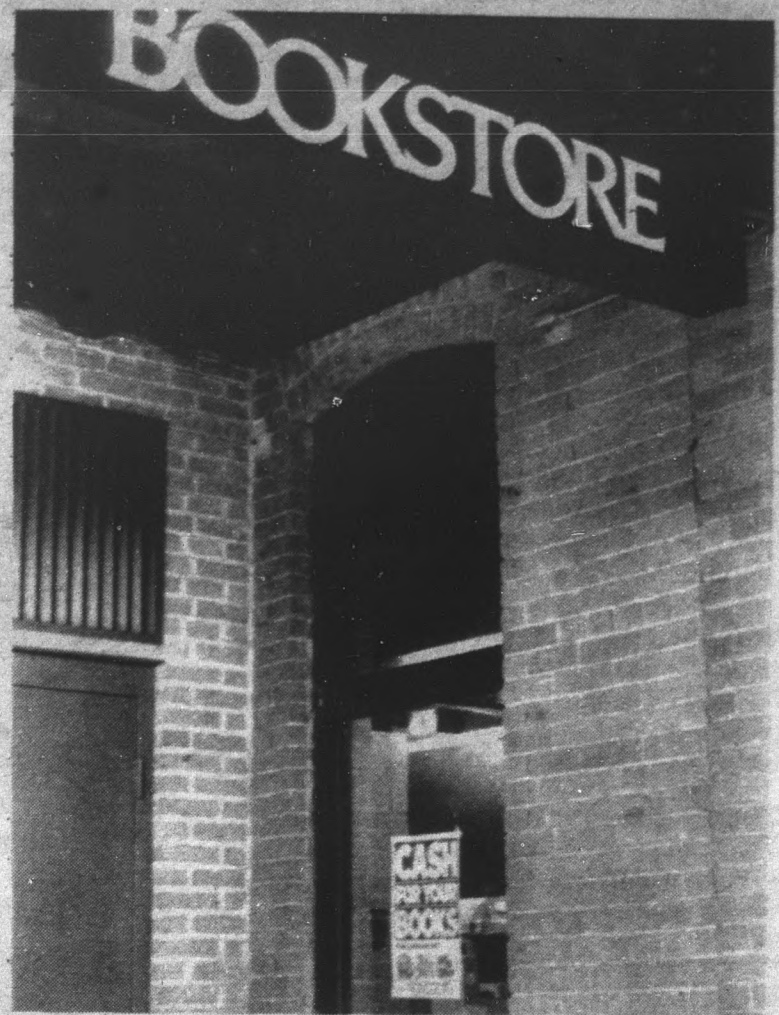
carries from twelve to fifteen thousand titles for the fall semester and that they only plan on carrying nine hundred to one thousand titles this spring.

The book store, according to Barmes, has increased its inventory four times since coming on campus two years ago. In their new store in University Square, school books, gift books and items, supplies of all kinds, and several different interesting items for students are available.

With all this going on, The University book store is now involved in a gigantic Holiday sale. Two entire walls of the store are filled with hundreds of titles ranging from art to cooking, to biology to hobby books. All the books are marked down any where from 20 to 70 percent.

Along with ideas such as the holiday sale, Barmes said he hoped to be bringing in more old edition books for sale. The books are all brand new, never opened, but canceled as school books. They can be used as reference books.

Barmes also said future plans for a display of current teaching aids and devices is being organized to be held in the College of Education in the spring.



Vic Goldman

The Barnes and Noble Bookstore, where all this week, students in need of yule-tide cash can return their books for money.

The NUTCRACKER SUITE, will be performed by the Greater Bridgeport Ballet on Dec. 20 and 21 at 8 p.m. in Mertens Theater. Tickets are available through the Greater Bridgeport Ballet Co. and are \$6.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children.

Residence Halls close at 7 p.m. on Dec. 23 and reopen at 2 p.m. on Jan. 21.

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No confidence vote possible for Miles

By Daniel J. Rodricks and
Maureen Boyle
Scribe Staff

Alfred Gerteiny, chief negotiator for the University chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP), suggested a possible call of no confidence and possible censure of President Leland Miles last week.

Gerteiny said if contract negotiations are not resolved by Feb. 1, that is the only option open to the faculty other than another strike. And faculty members, he said, are opposed to a strike.

Currently only four of the 14 issues in the contract have been resolved, he said.

Gerteiny said the strike and censure of the President were "possible options" open to the faculty and no formal motions to implement them have been made.

The Administration, Gerteiny said, has "declared the Faculty Council null and void" by refusing to release financial information and eliminating faculty representation on the Board of Trustees Finance Committee.

Meanwhile, the Faculty Council, by a near unanimous vote, last Wednesday requested that President Miles reinstate faculty representation to the Finance Committee.

Prof. Earl Uram, president of Faculty Council, called Gerteiny's remarks "substantially premature." "I can't talk for the rest of Council, but there

doesn't seem to be enough evidence in for us to consider that type of action," he said of a possible vote of no confidence and censure of the President.

The vote of no confidence and censure, Gerteiny said, would indicate the President has lost the confidence of the faculty.

"The President cannot operate in a vacuum," he said.

The Council, last Wednesday, asked that Miles recognize the Council and re-establish communication with it.

There has been no communication between Miles and the Council since his first and last meeting with it Oct. 16.

Miles sent AAUP a memorandum explaining why he wouldn't meet with Council, saying it duplicated efforts in meeting with AAUP.

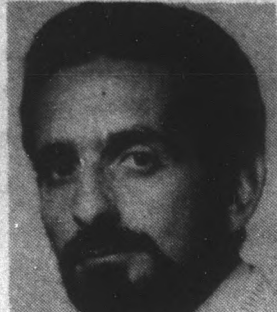
Miles said the Administration staff has been reduced and was too busy to meet with both AAUP and Council.

But, Uram emphasized, AAUP deals with contractual matters while Faculty Council deals with academic standards. Both groups have entirely different functions, Uram said.

He said the Council should meet with Miles to both keep tabs on academic developments and act as a check and balance on AAUP. "Right now," he said, "No one is minding the academic store."



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Schine Hall, presently unoccupied, is being mentioned as a possible temporary home for Bridgeport's elderly.

Elderly may find home in Schine

By Maureen Boyle
Scribe Staff

Schine Hall may open again. But not to students.

The University has been asked to house 80 elderly residents of the Barnum Hotel for several months while the hotel is being converted into a senior citizens housing.

Raymond Builter, University Comptroller, said the Bridgeport Office of Development Administration is "merely looking into" housing the elderly in Schine Hall. No plans have been finalized yet, he added.

Builter said the University is waiting to find out how many elderly residents would be living in Schine Hall before they agree to reopen the dorm.

"We can't go below a certain number. For example, we can't reopen it for 20 people," Builter explained.

Vice President for Business and Finance Harry Rowell said the revenue from the elderly and expenses entailed in opening the dorm would have to be even before Schine would be reopened.

The University will charge approximately \$170 per month for a double room in Schine Hall. Hotplates and refrigerators, which were in the dorm rooms last year, have been taken out.

Last year it was announced that a double in Schine would cost \$515 and a single would cost \$585.

Schine Hall has been vacant this year because of declining enrollment.

If all 80 residents of Barnum Hotel agreed to move to Schine, Builter said, they would probably stay until September 1976. A wing of the dorm would be opened for them, he said.

Before the elderly are allowed to move in, the water and heat must be turned on and the elevators checked, he said.

Robert Testo, Jr., from the Office of Development Administration (ODA), refused to comment on the proposed move of the Barnum Hotel residents to Schine, calling it "all conjecture."

The city office of ODA was seeking housing for Barnum Hotel residents who will be displaced next month when a year of reconstruction on the hotel begins.

The hotel, to be renamed The Parliament House, will have 108 studio and one room apartments for elderly residents. But before reconstruction can begin, the residents must be relocated.

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Bio. chairman former UB student

When Dr. Michael Somers was a biology student here, he never thought someday he would be head of the department.

Prof. William W. Everett was chairman of the biology department when I went to school here and was also my instructor. He was still chairman when he needed a teacher for the department, so he summoned me," Somers said.

Somers returned to teach at the University in 1955 as a lab instructor.

"Of course he wanted one of his best former students for the job, so it's a good thing he chose me," Somers said of Everett.

Somers considers himself a chairman who is always available for his students.

"Some chairmen go by a strict appointment schedule, but it's different in the biology department. Students can come in whenever they want and there's always someone here to talk to them," he said.

"The flexibility forms good relations with the students and they're never afraid to come in," he added.

Somers has received many awards in his lifetime, but the awards that mean the most, he says, are from students.

"I received an award, a pewter cup, from a group of biology majors at a dinner once," he said. "That and

awards like that mean the most to me in comparison to administrative awards, like the 'Teacher of the Year' one.

"I like to know my students are satisfied with me, too," he added.

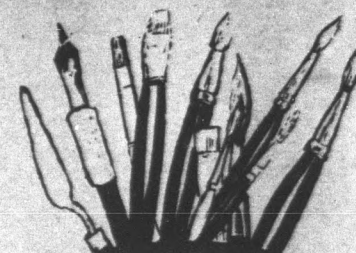
Somers says he derives the most pleasure from seeing his students excel.

"I'm a teacher first, then an administrator. To see someone come back to me as a success, as a doctor or a dentist, does tremendous things for me."

"There's a strong, tremendous internal spirit here between students and faculty. It's a close, friendly sociable department and it shows promise as most of our faculty is young with good potential."

At times, Somers says, the more than 200 majors in the department, coupled with graduate students, can be a lot of work.

"I get discouraged sometimes. But I'm thankful I have a large supply of coffee on hand to keep me going."



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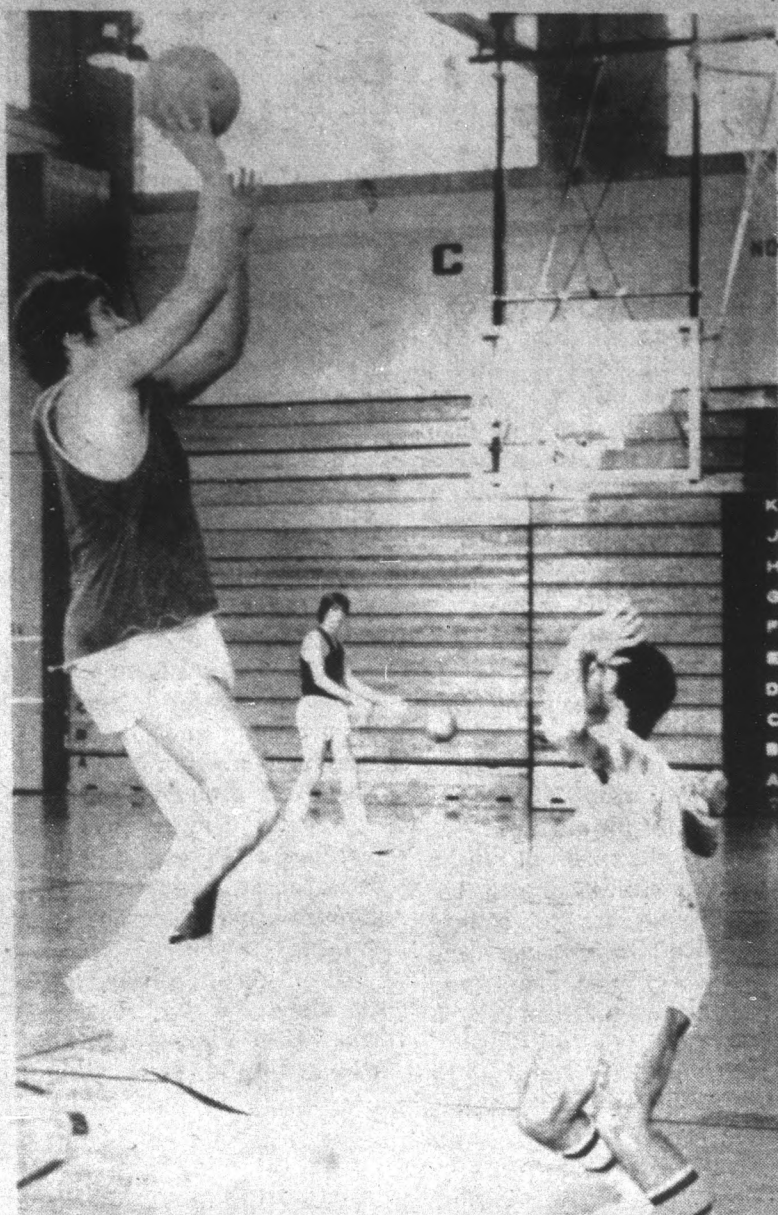
DEAR FRENCHY—Even though the French people say: "chow," the Italians say: "Allo." They also say: Buon Natale, or Merry Christmas, the first of many greetings to you. Remember, Pisces and Virgo are very good signs. And, like Ernesto said, "It is good."

FAREWELL and good luck to the Boston baked bean, Maryland crab, and Brooklyn bridge!

Once again, Pablo of the Yukon is alive and well, and living under the auspicious eyes of P.T. Barnum.

"...and not a creature was stirring, not even a crab?"

Devils scorch Knights in triple overtime



The basketball team will be here during intersession, working at practices and participating in the Charger Invitational Tournament.

By Michael Carpenter
Sports Staff

The fans were hoarse. Lee Hollerbach, Don Kissane and Phil Nastu, the Bridgeport tri-captains, sat next to each other on the bench. The third overtime period had expired and when the smoke cleared, the scoreboard showed the Blue Devils of Central Connecticut a 91-90 winner over the Purple Knight hoopsters.

The Knights had the last shot in each of the three overtimes and in regulation time, but failed to capitalize. With 3:51 remaining in the third overtime Central went ahead 90-88 on two foul shots by Matt Hinchey. A Rick DiCicco hook shot knotted the score with 3:33 remaining, but that was all for the Knights. The Knights missed three one-and-one foul shot attempts and numerous other scoring opportunities.

Central sent the game into its first overtime when it made up an eight-point deficit with ten minutes left. Central's comeback bid came when Hollerbach fouled out with 7:43 remaining. Dave Curtis canned a layup with 44 seconds left to tie the score at 74-74. Nastu's shot at the buzzer bounced off the heel of the rim.

The Blue Devils jumped out to

an early 10-0 lead in the opening minutes of the game by hitting their first five shots. Bridgeport struggled against a tough man-to-man defense before catching fire on a 21-5 spurt behind guards Nastu and Gary Churchill.

Bridgeport lead for most of the game with Central forced to play catch up. Central tied the game at 28-28 and lead briefly 32-28. The Knights again regained top position on a surge in which they outscored Central 11-0 to take a 42-34 half time lead into the locker room.

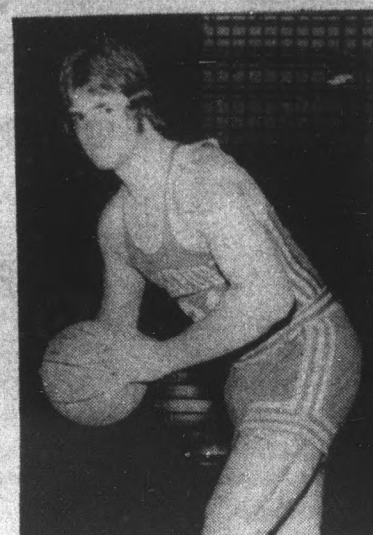
The Knights were lead by their guards Churchill and Nastu who scored 18 and 21 points respectively. For Central Hinchey scored 18 points and 6-5 freshman Greg Roberts chipped in with 17.

For Bridgeport it was their second straight loss and dropped their record to 4-2. Knights' coach Bruce Webster said that the loss was disastrous for the Knights' New England ratings.

"We'll have to beat four or five good teams now in order to redeem ourselves," he said. Webster was disappointed over his teams loss. "We missed many opportunities where we could have won the game. We didn't have a great shooting

night and Central started quickly." He cited the play of Nastu and Churchill as exceptional and said that if Nastu had been in at the end it might have been a different outcome. When the final buzzer ran the Knights had one freshman, three sophomores, and a junior on the court.

The Knights now will resume their bid for an NCAA playoff berth January 7 when they host Siena College.



Rick DiCicco

Braves freeze hockey Knights

By Roslyn Rudolph
Sports Editor

In its opening season game, the University of Bridgeport ice hockey club lost to the Quinnipiac College varsity squad. The Braves scored eight goals in the third period to turn the match into a 12-0 romp.

Bridgeport's once-a-week practices were no match for the Hamden opponent who had practiced every day, and entered the game with a 1-2 record. The Knights now sport a 0-1 record, with two pre-season scrimmages.

The Bridgeport defense, behind Charlie Rowe, Steve Bieganouski, Dean Gifford, Tom Begg, and others, despite their exhaustion and their futile efforts to hold back the Braves, stuck it out and softened the blow of a strong Quinnipiac offensive attack.

Knight goalie Al Klein turned away 29 shots, while Braves goalies, Tim O'Connor and Ihor Czornobil only had to deal with nine shots from a weak Bridgeport offense.

"I couldn't really blame the team," said Klein. "Three of the first four goals I think I could have stopped. In the third period I was too tired to stop them at all," added Klein.

Mike McKeon tallied four goals for the Braves. Paul Comins shuttled in two and had four assists. Ted Spingnizi and Captain John Kearney each scored two.

Earlier last week, the Knights met Norwalk Community College in a pre-season scrimmage. Each team scored one goal in the first two periods to tie the game at 2-2 before third period action.

Starting center Steve Yarmalovicz scored the first goal of the game on a Tom Pike assist. Senior Captain Fred Trybus scored his first University of Bridgeport career goal in the second period off of a pass from Bieganouski.

Freshman forward Bob Upton scored the lone Bridgeport goal in a scrimmage against a Milford Senior League team. Here the young Purple Knights club couldn't turn away a scoring barrage that left Milford with a 11-1 icing over the Knights.

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By Herff Jones

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